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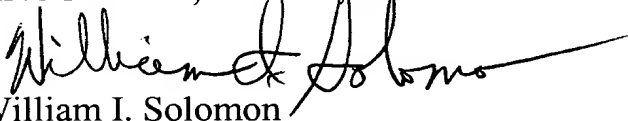
Applicants have amended their specification in order to refer to prior application Serial No. 09/255,856, filed February 23, 1999, consistent with the requirements of 35 USC 120, and to incorporate the contents thereof herein by reference. clearly, this amendment of the specification does not add new matter to the application.

Entry of the present amendment, and examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 501.36931CX1) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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